

**ESHB 1052** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the legislative  
4 youth advisory council provides a unique opportunity for middle and  
5 high school students to be actively involved in government.  
6 Councilmembers not only learn about, but exercise, the core values and  
7 democratic principles of our state and nation, along with the rights  
8 and responsibilities of citizenship and democratic civic involvement.  
9 As such, they are engaged in authentic practice of the essential  
10 academic learning requirements in civics. In the short time since its  
11 creation, the legislative youth advisory council has studied, debated,  
12 and begun to formulate positions and recommendations on such important  
13 topics as education reform, school finance, public school learning  
14 environments, health and fitness education, and standardized testing.  
15 The legislature continues to stress the importance of civics education  
16 and support the type of civic involvement by students exemplified by  
17 the legislative youth advisory council. The legislature intends to  
18 make improvements to the program and expand the opportunities for  
19 students to participate by creating regional councils.

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.300.801 and 2005 c 355 s 1 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 (1) (~~The~~) Nine regional legislative youth advisory councils  
23 (~~is~~) are established to examine issues of importance to youth,  
24 including but not limited to education, employment, strategies to  
25 increase youth participation in state and municipal government, safe  
26 environments for youth, substance abuse, emotional and physical health,  
27 foster care, poverty, homelessness, and youth access to services on a  
28 statewide and municipal basis. The boundaries of the nine regional

1 councils shall be the same as the boundaries of the nine educational  
2 service districts.

3 ~~(2) ((The council consists of twenty two members as provided in~~  
4 ~~this subsection who, at the time of appointment, are aged fourteen to~~  
5 ~~eighteen. The council shall select a chair from among its members.~~

6 ~~(a) Five members shall be selected by each of the two major~~  
7 ~~caucuses in the senate, appointed by the secretary of the senate.~~

8 ~~(b) Five members shall be selected by each of the two major~~  
9 ~~caucuses in the house of representatives, appointed by the chief clerk~~  
10 ~~of the house of representatives.~~

11 ~~(c) The governor shall appoint two members))~~ Each regional council  
12 shall consist of at least five but no more than twelve members who, at  
13 the time of appointment, are students age fourteen to eighteen.  
14 Students may apply to the program by completing an application form and  
15 submitting the form to the office of the lieutenant governor. The  
16 lieutenant governor is encouraged to make the application forms  
17 available online. Students are encouraged to seek a letter of  
18 recommendation from a local state legislator to submit with the  
19 application.

20 (3)(a) Except for initial members, members shall serve two-year  
21 terms, and if eligible, may be reappointed for subsequent two-year  
22 terms. One-half of the initial members shall be appointed to one-year  
23 terms, and these appointments shall be made in such a way as to  
24 preserve overall representation on the committee.

25 (b) By July 2, 2007, and annually thereafter, students may apply to  
26 be considered for participation in the program by completing an online  
27 application form and submitting the application to the legislative  
28 youth advisory council's student application review committee. The  
29 student application review committee shall be selected by the current  
30 youth council participants. The application review committee shall be  
31 made up of members of the current legislative youth advisory council.  
32 The student application review committee shall be responsible for  
33 developing the selection criteria, establishing an application review  
34 process, and selecting the pool of recommended candidates that will be  
35 submitted to the educational service district contact person for final  
36 selection. When the educational service district has made its final  
37 selection of candidates for the program, it shall submit the names to

1 the office of the lieutenant governor. The office of the lieutenant  
2 governor shall notify all applicants of the final selections.

3 (c) The office of the lieutenant governor shall make the  
4 application available by hard copy and online.

5 (4) ((The)) Each regional council shall have the following duties:

6 (a) Selecting a chair from among the regional councilmembers;

7 (b) Meeting three times a year at the educational service district  
8 within the region to discuss policy issues of importance to youth.

9 Each regional council shall consider conducting at least some of the  
10 meetings via the K-20 telecommunications network. Councils are  
11 encouraged to invite local state legislators to participate in the  
12 meetings. Each regional council is encouraged to poll other students  
13 in order to get a broad perspective on the various issues. The  
14 regional councils are encouraged to use technology to conduct the  
15 polling, including the council's web site, if the council has a web  
16 site;

17 (c) Advising the legislature on proposed and pending legislation((,  
18 including state budget expenditures)) and policy matters relating to  
19 youth;

20 ~~((b) Advising the standing committees of the legislature and study~~  
21 ~~commissions, committees, and task forces regarding issues relating to~~  
22 ~~youth;~~

23 ~~(c) Conducting periodic seminars for its members regarding~~  
24 ~~leadership, government, and the legislature; and))~~

25 (d) Selecting one member to attend a state meeting to present  
26 information to the lieutenant governor and members of the legislature.  
27 The presentation could include proposals that a legislator could  
28 subsequently have drafted as legislation;

29 (e) Accepting grants and donations from public and private sources  
30 to support the activities of the council; and

31 (f) Reporting annually by December 1st to the legislature on its  
32 activities, including proposed legislation that implements  
33 recommendations of the council.

34 (5) ~~((In carrying out its duties under subsection (4) of this~~  
35 ~~section, the council may meet at least three times but not more than~~  
36 ~~six times per year, including not more than two public hearings on~~  
37 ~~issues of importance to youth.~~

1       ~~(6)~~) Regional councilmembers shall not receive per diem but shall  
2 be reimbursed as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 only for  
3 travel and expenses incurred to attend the state meeting.

4       ~~((7))~~ (6) The ~~((office of superintendent of public instruction))~~  
5 educational service districts shall provide administration,  
6 coordination, and facilitation assistance to the regional councils.  
7 ~~((The senate and house of representatives may provide policy and fiscal~~  
8 ~~briefings and assistance with drafting proposed legislation. The~~  
9 ~~senate and the house of representatives shall each develop internal~~  
10 ~~policies relating to staff assistance provided to the council. Such~~  
11 ~~policies may include applicable internal personnel and practices~~  
12 ~~guidelines, resource use and expense reimbursement guidelines, and~~  
13 ~~applicable ethics mandates. Provision of funds, resources, and staff,~~  
14 ~~as well as the assignment and direction of staff, remains at all times~~  
15 ~~within the sole discretion of the chamber making the provision)) Each~~  
16 educational service district shall consider creating a web site for the  
17 regional council on the web site of the educational service district  
18 and is encouraged to conduct outreach to students to publicize the  
19 program. Each educational service district is encouraged with private  
20 and nonprofit youth organizations to conduct outreach to students and  
21 to promote the program.

22       ~~((8))~~ (7) The office of the lieutenant governor, with assistance  
23 from the educational service districts, shall provide the  
24 administration, coordination, and facilitation assistance for the state  
25 meeting.

26       (8) The ~~((office of superintendent of public instruction, the))~~  
27 educational service districts, office of the lieutenant governor,  
28 legislature, any agency of the legislature, and any official or  
29 employee of such office or agency are immune from liability for any  
30 injury that is incurred by or caused by a member of the regional youth  
31 advisory councils ~~((and))~~ that occurs while the member of ~~((the))~~ a  
32 council is performing duties of ~~((the))~~ a council or is otherwise  
33 engaged in activities or receiving services for which reimbursement is  
34 allowed under subsection ~~((6))~~ (5) of this section. The immunity  
35 provided by this subsection does not apply to an injury intentionally  
36 caused by the act or omission of an employee or official of the  
37 superintendent of public instruction or the legislature or any agency  
38 of the legislature.

1 (9) This section expires June 30, ((2007)) 2009.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.300.801 is recodified as a section  
3 in chapter 28A.310 RCW.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
7 immediately."

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8 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "council;" strike the  
9 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.300.801; adding a  
10 new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; creating a new section; recodifying  
11 RCW 28A.300.801; providing an expiration date; and declaring an  
12 emergency."

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